

RMHS Music Boosters Meeting Minutes: SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The monthly meeting of the RMHS Music Boosters was called to order at 7:04 PM by Mat Krawczyk. Vice Presidents Tom Toussaint, Treasurer Mary Fava, and Recording Secretary Evelyn Wills were present. The meeting was attended by Amy Carroll, Meg Sioui, Karen Fitzsimmons, Kobra Hall, Scott Hall, Julie Birenbaum, Rebecca Sekirka, Mary DeMaria, Martha Davis, Christina Krawczyk, Kevin Carroll, and Christopher Buti.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Mat Krawczyk welcomed Boosters to the meeting, introduced the executive board, and led the group through the agenda. **Treasurer** Mary Fava presented the Final Music Boosters Budget for 2016-2017, the 2016-2017 Year-to-Date Financial Report as well as the May 2017 Monthly Activity Report. These reports were approved and filed.

NEW BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Summer Program Wrap Up: Boosters discussed successes and opportunities for improvement regarding the summer band and orchestra camps and picnic. All summer programs were successful. One item reviewed was the number of people in attendance at the picnic versus the number of people who brought food. Not enough people brought food, thereby leaving a shortage. Over 20 alumni were in attendance and they did not all bring food. Currently, Sign Up Genius is used and it asks for a food item commitment. Despite that people arrived without food. It is suggested to post on Face Book or charge \$10 at door. This topic will be revisited.

Uniforms: Meg Sioui reports that the fittings are complete. The event ran quickly and easily due to a great show of volunteer support and because the new uniforms do not require sewing.

Overall, the fit is narrow. In the end, everyone was fitted properly. Some hats are sliding and may need adjustment. **Overall Support:** Band and Orchestra parents have been volunteering.

Support for the uniform fittings and the ice cream social was great. **Upcoming Fall Activities:** Sharon Hernandez and other parents volunteered for the first football game. Sharon is still looking for a replacement. Cookie sales are profitable and should therefore be continued.

Suggestions include that Sharon could potentially document what she does and that perhaps orchestra parents would be willing to sell during half time so that the band parents can watch the show. **Volunteers:** Mat Krawczyk reports that we could use more hands on the field and loading the truck, as we have more props this year. The area where we may need the most assistance is in getting the instruments from the truck to the field. Mr. Buti has students assigned to these tasks.

Mr. Carroll is cautiously optimistic that students can handle it. Mr. Carroll may drive the white bus with the battery instruments. Nonetheless, it is suggested that we look out for parents interested in volunteering in this area. Starting actual conversations may be the best way to get word out for this need. Also, emailing directly may be an option. **Fund Raising for Spring**

Trip: Mat Krawczyk created a flyer summarizing fundraising opportunities for students. It can be used for a quick, comprehensive overview of fundraisers offered, in addition to information made available for individual fundraisers. Also, Mat and Chris brought in new fundraisers: Country Meats and Gourmet Creations: Mixd Dipz. These items have a different price point to target a different audience or to simply offer something fresh. They will both be sold before the group goes on tour. They will be offered in addition to (not as a replacement for) other

established fundraising opportunities. Historically, we have not gone paperless to help assure that no one will miss an opportunity. Individuals running fundraisers wish to use a generic, not a personal email, for correspondence. Mr. Carroll will create a tab on the website with fundraising information. It is noted that some students do well with one fundraiser vs. another. Butter Braid generates the most income for students, Manna second, Cheesecake, third, and Yankee Candle fourth. **Garage Sale September 9th:** It will be advertised on the marquee. Friday night the lot will be blocked off. At 6:45 AM spots will be assigned. **Early start on JITM program sales:** Program sales effect the JITM bottom line. This is a potential area of growth for the Music Boosters, which we would like to tap into. It will be important to connect with individuals and businesses early this year so they can prepare for the cost. (Several groups told our reps they would have been happy to help, but would have required more time to accommodate the expense.) Some schools force students to sell a certain amount; we have not done this. We would like to see someone step up to mentor students or adults in how to approach these sales.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Orchestra Director/Assistant Director of Bands Kevin Carroll is looking forward to the Fall Concert, which will include some Disney songs in preparation for the upcoming tour. The Symphony and Concert Orchestras will be combined this year, which will be fun for the kids and will help with time management. We will be hosting IMEA string auditions here at Rolling Meadows on October 3rd. District 37 is big and there will be many great string players in attendance. We will need to reschedule the October 3rd Music Boosters meeting as this room will be needed for auditions. Students will arrive here after school. The event will be over by around 10 PM. String Orchestra students can get service hours for volunteering. Orchestra Winds and Percussion students will not be needed. The Fall Musical *Cats* is underway. Orchestra Winds and Percussion has been announced. Web Master: Butter Braid has been updated/page for fundraising will be created.

Director of Bands & Color Guard and Fine Arts Coordinator Christopher Buti reports that the JITM noon and headline performers have been arranged. The University of Illinois Concert Jazz Band will perform at noon for \$1,000.00. They are local and will not need accommodations. The East Hubbard Jazz Orchestra, another local group will perform for \$4,000.00. They will not offer a clinic. 18 students are signed up for the garage sale. Mr. Buti thanks everyone for band camp help. The uniforms look great and are getting lots of compliments from a wide variety of groups. Preparations are underway for the Grayslake competition. The Marching Mustangs are working on the third movement. The Fall Concert will be on October 1. Musical and jazz band rehearsals are underway. Jazz II will be Tuesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 PM and Jazz I will be Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 PM, as well as on Fridays from 7:00 - 7:50 AM.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM. The next general meeting of the Music Boosters will be Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Evelyn Wills

These minutes were approved at the October 10, 2017 Music Boosters Meeting